

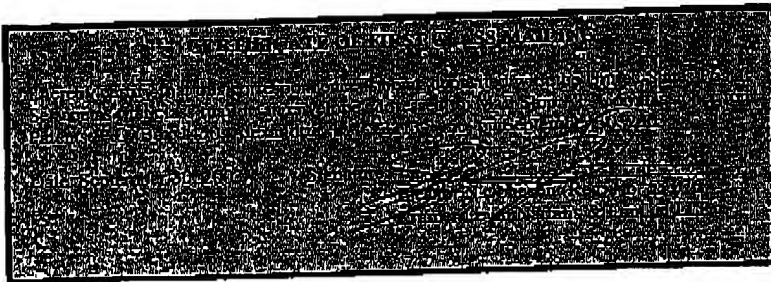
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Applicants : Fastrez et al.
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Final Official Action mailed April 1, 2003 rejecting claims 13-29.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), a check in the amount of \$160.00 to cover the required fee is enclosed.

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